H. R. 167.

APRIL 12, 1822.

Read twice, and committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

DEC. 12, 1822.

Ordered to be re-printed.

A BILL

To confirm certain claims to lots in the village of Peoria, in the state of Illinois.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives 1 of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That 2 there shall be allowed and confirmed to each person, or the 3 legal representatives of each person, who settled and improv-4 ed a lot in the village of Peoria, in the state of Illinois, prior 5 to the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and 6 thirteen, the whole of such lot, where the same shall not ex-7 ceed two acres; and where the same shall exceed two acres, 8 every such claimant shall be confirmed in a quantity not ex-9 ceeding 10 acres. SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the 1 duty of the Register and Receiver of the land office at Ed-2 wardsville, after the first day of July next, and as soon thereaf-3

ter as practicable, to examine into all such claims as aforesaid,

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- 5 and to cause a survey to be made of the said village of Peoria,
- 6 by the Surveyor of the public lands of the United States for
- 7 that district, in such manner as they may direct; and it shall
- 8 be the duty of the said Register and Receiver to designate, on
- 9 a plat thereof, to be made by the said Surveyor, the lot con-
- 10 firmed to each claimant, and forward the same to the Secre-
- 11 tary of the Treasury, who shall cause patents to be issued in
- 12 favor of such claimants, as shall be confirmed in their claims
- 13 by the said Register and Receiver, as in other cases.
- 1 Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the said Regis-
- 2 ter and Receiver shall be entitled to receive, from each claim-
- 3 ant, for examining his claim, one dollar each, as a full com-
- 4 pensation for their services.